



## Press Release

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### **Nanosight is fastest grower in its Sector**

Shackleton portfolio company, Nanosight has topped Deloitte's **UK Technology Fast 50** poll of high growth Biotech/Pharmaceutical/Medical Equipment businesses for 2011.

Nanosight was also the fastest growing technology companies in the South West and Wales.

Nanosight instruments are the world's most versatile and proven tools for visualizing, measuring and characterizing virtually all nanoparticles. This capability enables scientists to explore and develop new solutions and techniques across a broad range of disciplines from drug delivery, pharmaceutical development, vaccines, nano-materials, toxicity, and environmental science.

Nanosight has a growing base of users worldwide, including BASF, GlaxoSmithKline, 3M Corp, BP, ICI, Roche & Unilever and many universities.

Nanosight has also emerged as a winner in the **Technology Fast 500 EMEA 2011** rankings, which identifies the 500 fastest-growing technology companies across Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Nanosight was recognised for achieving revenue growth of 809% in the past five years.

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**Notes to editors**

**Shackleton Ventures**

- Shackleton specialises in direct secondary venture and development capital investments – where Shackleton will buy a portfolio of existing investments, or an individual asset, from an investor that is seeking liquidity.
- Members of Shackleton's management team have over 50 years venture capital experience between them and over 80 years operational experience in senior roles in entrepreneurial businesses.
- The Shackleton Secondaries LP fund was formed in July 2006 and has 13 investments.
- The Shackleton Secondaries II LP fund was formed in November 2007 and has made 15 investments to date. The £25 million fund remains open to new investment opportunities.
- Shackleton's funds have acquired investments from 5 institutional vendors and from several private individuals.
- Both Shackleton Secondaries LP funds are managed by FSA-authorized Shackleton Finance Limited.
- For further information: [www.shackletonventures.com](http://www.shackletonventures.com)

**Nanosight Ltd**

- NanoSight was founded in 2003 by Bob Carr, CTO, and John Knowles, Chairman, to develop nanoparticle detection technique.
- The company has been growing rapidly since the launch of its first microscope based product in 2005.
- Nanosight instruments are the world's most versatile and proven tools for visualizing, measuring and characterizing virtually all nanoparticles. Particle size, concentration, aggregation and zeta potential can all be analyzed while a fluorescence mode provides speciation of labeled particles.
- NanoSight provides real time monitoring of the subtle changes in the characteristics of particle populations with all of these analyses uniquely confirmed by visual validation.
- Shackleton acquired its interest in Nanosight in 2007.
- For further information: [www.nanosight.com](http://www.nanosight.com)